

ATTACHMENT 11. PROGRAM PREFERENCES

For the “AttachmentName” in the naming convention of BMS, use “**Preference**” for this attachment. Attachment 11 must be no more than 10 pages in length using a minimum 10-point type font.

Submit a discussion on how the Proposal assists in meeting the Program Preference(s) described in Section II.F of the Guidelines. The discussion must identify the specific Program Preference(s) that the Proposal will meet; the certainty that the Proposal will meet the Program Preference(s); and the breadth and magnitude to which the Program Preference(s) will be met. Meeting the Program Preference(s) identified by the applicant will become a condition of the grant agreement in the event that the Proposal is awarded grant funding. Include graphics or maps as necessary to demonstrate how your proposal meets the preferences.

Program Preferences

PRC §75026.(b) and CWC §10544 state that preference will be given to Proposals that:

Include regional projects or programs (CWC §10544)

The Cactus Basins 3-5 Project functions hand in hand with several of the other projects proposed for both Proposition 1E and 84 funding. While it's direct beneficiaries mostly reside in the City of Rialto, the project is part of a much larger system of facilities that impacts the Santa Ana River Watershed. While the project's primary function will be to provide the flood protection, it will also alleviate some of the demands for additional water supply as it will have recharge capacity into the basin which will benefit downstream customers. Also, because of the off-site mitigation requirements, the project will provide environmental enhancement by preserving 45 acres of undisturbed land within the Santa Ana River basin in perpetuity.

Effectively integrate water management programs and projects within a hydrologic region identified in the California Water Plan; the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) region or subdivision; or other region or sub-region specifically identified by DWR

Because of the project's groundwater recharge potential, the local water purveyors will be able to use the facility to increase their water supply and incorporate it into their water management programs.

Effectively resolve significant water-related conflicts within or between regions

N/A

Contribute to attainment of one or more of the objectives of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program

N/A, project outside of program scope.

Address critical water supply or water quality needs of disadvantaged communities within the region

The project and the affected watershed is all located within the City of Rialto. The City has a relatively large population of low to moderate income families, as defined by HUD/CDBG thresholds, which are traditionally underserved in infrastructure and public works improvements. The improvements proposed by the Cactus Basins project will increase flood protection to the residences and businesses within the watershed. They will also provide a means to increase the local water supply by acting as a groundwater recharge facility.

Effectively integrate water management with land use planning

The site is an otherwise abandoned quarry pit. Through proactive land use planning the site will be reclaimed and used as a flood control facility that will provide multiple benefits, including flood protection, a groundwater recharge site, and ecosystem restoration.

For eligible SWFM funding, projects which: a) are not receiving State funding for flood control or flood prevention projects pursuant to PRC §5096.824 or §75034 or b) provide multiple benefits, including, but not limited to, water quality improvements, ecosystem benefits, reduction of instream erosion and sedimentation, and groundwater recharge.

The primary function of the project is to construct three basins to be able to reduce peak storm flows within the Rialto Channel Drainage System, however, the project will also provide other benefits that extend above and beyond flood protection. As part of the environmental permitting requirements, portions of the basin will be used for ecosystem restoration. 2.67 acres of the site will be re-vegetated using native plant material. Additionally, the site also has the potential to serve as a groundwater recharge facility, with capacity of approximately 15,000 AFY.

Address Statewide priorities (Table 1 establishes the specific Statewide Priorities for the IRWM Grant Program.)

The Cactus Basins 3 thru 5 project addresses three vital Statewide Priorities. First it expands environmental stewardship by restoring temporary loss of 45 acres of on-site ecosystem mitigation, 2.67 acres of restored mitigation for construction of reinforced concrete box as well as reserving 45 acres of off-site habitat at mitigation land that will remain in its natural, undisturbed state in perpetuity. Secondly, the project will provide increased flood protection the residences and businesses that lie within the Rialto Storm Drain System. Once all projects are completed within the system, it will provide 100 year storm protection. Lastly, the project also ensures an equitable distribution of benefits in a traditionally underserved area. Most of the beneficiaries of the project reside in the City of Rialto which has a relatively large population of low to moderate income families, as defined by HUD/CDBG thresholds. The proposed improvements will provide multiple benefits to the communities in the watershed, including flood protection, an increased water supply through groundwater recharge, and environmental habitat preservation through the on-site restoration.